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In re Application of:

Mario Blaum, et al.

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CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.8

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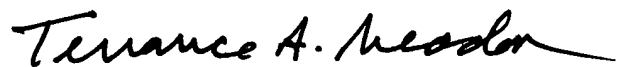
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Respectfully Submitted



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